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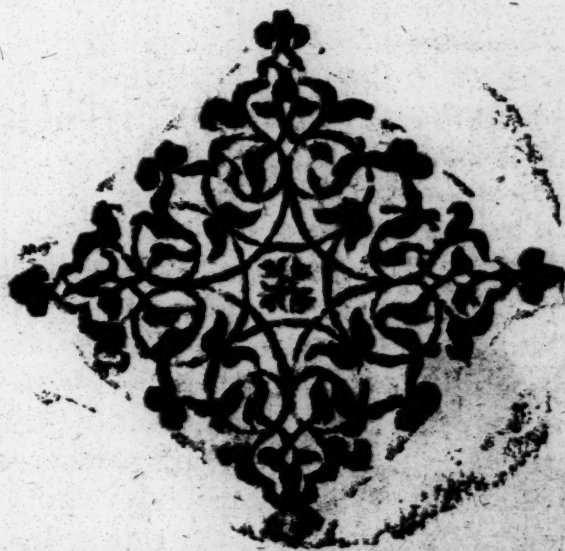
EXAMPLES FOR LONDON

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Or a Paralell betweene the evill-af-
fected Malignants of this City, and the
Seditious Jewes in Jerusalem.

*Also Declaring the miserable estate of
this City, if this warre should continue, there
being so many potent Enemies within the
Confines of the said Citie, which
seeks to destroy the same.*

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Examples for L O N D O N



Everall sayings of Gods
chosen servants in whom
the Holy Ghost it selfe
speaketh, are worthy
perpetual remembrance,
and if they be not re-
garded, the godly are
taken away to their rest
and joy, and then fol-
loweth a plague unto y^e
people, the miseries and
calamities that before

was threatened by the mouthes of those his messengers,
so after the death of St. *inbriſe*, followed the vassiga-
tion of *Italy*, after the death of St. *Augustine*, the
Vandals entered *Affricke*, and then sprung up the *Ari-*
an-Herisie, after the death of *Iohannes Huz*, the fierce
Barrels of *Bohemia*, after the death of *Martin Luther*,
what terrible troubles and cruell calamities hapened
who in his life time amongst all other of his Workes
left in memoriall & his notable pophesie, that these 3
things would be the destruction of Christian religion.

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The first is forgetfullnesse of benefits that we receiued at Gods hands by the Gospell, and nouthankfullnesse for the same. The second is Carelesnesse. The third, that we like better of the worlds wisdom, then of Godly wisdom, within the compass of our foolish braines we would Comprehend the Reason, Rule, Order, and end, of every thing. ungodly counsell is a prop and stay unto our determinations, we depend not upon the Lords providence we aske not counsell at the mouth of the Lord, if the Lord guide not the world after our owne will we like no longer to be governed by him, we forsake the Lord, we fly straight to flesh and blood, the prosperity of the world is our delight, and therefore we say simply as did the prophet *Ieremias* we remember what we have done and lived merrily by it, when we sacrificed to the queene of heven, now we live in lack and fele much woe, even so say we, if we should live according to the Gospell we should leave of our crafty cunning in getting, and perchance become beggers, wee should leave our false swearing, and not sell our wares.

We should leave our accessse in vanity, which is our cheife delight.

We should labour earnestly and leave our sloathful rest.

We should give to those that want and have no certynety our selves.

But still waight untill the Lord shall give us more

Flesh and blood is our delight the glory of the world is our joye, and this is contrary thereunto.

Thus we forsake the Lord, and cast off the yoke of of Christian profession, nay of Christian Religion, I may say, for we professe somewhat, but expresse nothing in our lives and conversations, but Envie, Hatred and Mallice, and all uncharitablenesse, we professe purity, but our hearts are fraught with Hypocrisy.

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'Tis horrible to be feared, because of the ungodly, who for all they have so many labourers from the Lord with his directions to teach the way to Heaven, who I am sure with earnest groanings, pray that his blest spirit would teach them what to spake, but they, by their neglect and slight regard, the whereof I do meane, force them often to pronounce this woe, to have the Kingdome of Heaven taken from us, to have the gracious Gospell the eternall feed and spirituall foode of our soules taken quite a way from us, so long as I thinke on it, I feare and tremble to thinke how soone that terrible hunger may come, for now us set on foot, then we shall go, rune, and seeke earnestly, and yet not finde the foode of our soules wherewith to be comforted: If we will fully forget Gods glory will he care for us, wherefore for Londons example, there was never a gollier City on the earth, then was Jerusalem, and yet when they refused to be Obedient unto the Lord, and begane to wax forgetfull of his great benefits, when they left of to aske counsell of the Lord, and trusted to mans vaine strength, even then they were destroyed.

Even then they were begirt with death and Desolation.

Even then did all their Channells flowe with Blood.

Her **STREETS** were filled with Scar-
ter.

Her precious palaces was filled with groanes and howlings.

Her Temple Doores were blockt up with Priests, deckt in their Golden Coapes.

Fired were their Barnes and Garners stuffed with Corne.

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Their young Babes tossed upon their Enemies Speares,
 Bails of wildfire hurld upon their lofty spires prided
 with goulden veines; this City seated by the hand of
 Heaven, and fixt upon the Navel of the Earth, by her
 owne discention was thus destroyed, her Nobles for-
 ced dayly to labour like the poorest slaves, no more ac-
 count there was then made of them, but thirty there was
 sold for one pore penny, the rest were forced to live
 in woe and want, pinched with pennury, oppressed
 with labor in most cruell bondage and perpetuall slave-
 ry. Oh London, take example, first by this glorious Ci-
 ty *Jerusalem*, whose unnumbred Towers were built so
 high, that they seemed to touch, nay, kisse the cloudes,
 and now all lies flat, and not one stone left standing
 upon another? Wilt thou not pitie Her.

But to come neerer unto our selves, how gallant and
 glorious a City was *Antwerpe* of late dayes, Low flou-
 rished some part of *Germany* and *Flanders*, but when
 the voice of the Gospell is not obeyed, when the King-
 dome of heaven is not sought first, and before a l things
 when Gods mercy is despised, and his Gospell no more
 honored, when the Spirit of the Creator is resisted and
 refused, then indeed we must needs looke for it at which
Martin Luther, that chosen Testament of the Lord,
 foretold us, That the Gospell should be raylated from us,
 to some other Nation, or rather returned backe from us
 Gentills, unto the Jewes, from the new chosen refusers
 to the old chosen proffessors.

It hath a hid and a most darke mystery, that many
 that proffesse themselves to be Christians, yet deny
 the Sacrament of Baptisme, and some naturall *I*ralits-
 and carnall Jewes, have recently desired the Benefit of
 the same doubtlesse it is true that *Christ* said, you shall not
 finish all the Cities of *Judah*, untill the coming againe of
 the Son of man. Somewhat will be to doe among them,
 God hath a worke that he will doe, he hath a remnant
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that he will call home, whereof *Paul* speaketh saying
blindnesse is partly hapned unto *Israel* until the fulfille
of the Gentiles be accomplished, and to *Israel* shall he
sayed; hereof speaketh *Hilarius*, all is not yet done in
Israel, after the fulfille of the Gentiles is come in,
there is a remnant yet left in *Israel* that shall be gather-
ed into the Lord.

Our loosenesse of life is to any Christians conscience a
terrible reare or rather a dispayre of any long continu-
ance of the gospel amongst us that we are so different
in shew that it is hard to find many of one colour, of
one Consent, or of one like Disposition. some are
white, some are blacke, some are dunne, some are blew,
some are Yellowe, some are Red, but abundance
brown, some are spotted, but some unspotted.

On the other side one wolfe is like another, seeking
to deface Gods glory, blot out his name, and let up
whome you wilt, let God and *Moses* be forgotten in
the Mount; *Israel* will pluck of their spectacles
and ornament to make a molton Image, in this case
helpe all you that are true protestants, lament all you
good Christians, for reverent vse of his name, spare no
labour, speake, sue, intreate, incourage, your Knights
of the Shire, the Burgesses of the parliament, the
Clarks of the Convocation shew your zeale, doe what
you may, to move, to procure some Godly law whereby
the custumary evill use, vain abuse of our sacred God,
his most mighty name may be reformed.

The force of Papistry, with all their wisdom and
power they labour to leate downe, our lacke of good
Life is still the greatest losse; the strongest stop, the
unhappiest hindrance that now remaine against the
funesse and plentifulnesse of Gods Kingdome, whose
Kingdome if we build not to the end, whose spirit if
we resist and refuse as heretofore (a fruit of infidelity)
we are quite given over, the devill shall every where
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the terror of Conscience appeare, and shew himselfe unto us (which God avert) and London be thou warned, oh thinke upon *jerusalem*, that was so faire, so beauteous, and so populus, her severall Sects brought her to that confusion, which God defend but that thou shouldst live and flourish, and maintaine the Churches glory, and be so held up in England, that the other Congregations in other Lands may confesse thee to be no whit inferiour to any in the world, but rather a light and lanthorne unto the rest, and tread downe them that seekes to raze out the.

And last of all, to prompt the towards the imbrace-
ing of an unity (the onely meanes to obtaine a religi-
ous peace) thinke of the late flourishing estate of the
Kingdome of *Ireland*, there thou mayst see as in a glasse
the misery of Warre, the consideration of which, I hope
will prove a motive to repentance, and cause an union
in Religion, and then we have no cause to feare but
that God, in his good time will give peace to all our
feares, and turne our mourning into a religious joy.

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